Tribunals for detection of Bangladeshis in Assam

1706. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Supreme Court has quashed Government notification that put the onus of proving an illegal migrant into the country, solely on the complainant, and has directed the Centre to constitute sufficient number of Tribunals within four months, to detect infiltration of thousands of Bangladeshis into Assam;

(b) if so, what steps Centre have taken to implement the directive of the Supreme Court;

(c) if so, what is the total number of Tribunals constituted by the Centre in this regard; and

(d) whether the Supreme Court had also struck down as "unconstitutional" the Illegal Migration Detection by Tribunal Act in July, 2005?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) The Supreme Court of India *vide* their judgment dated 5.12.2006 has quashed the Foreigners (Tribunals for Assam) Order dated 10.2.2006.

(b) and (c) The Government had approved the proposal of the Government of Assam in December, 2005 for establishing of additional 21 Foreigners Tribunals (in addition to 11 existing Tribunals) in the State of Assam. As per information given by the State Government, 27 Tribunals are already functional.

(d) The Supreme Court of India *vide* their judgement dated 12.7.2005 had struck down the Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act 1983.

Fencing in border areas

†1707. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of border areas in the country where fencing has been done in view of the security;

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(b) the main areas where there is more danger to India's security;

(c) whether maximum quantities of intoxicants come through these areas;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether there is any plan for fencing Indo-Myanmar border; if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) The Government have undertaken construction of fencing along India-Pakistan and India-Bangladesh borders.

(b) to (d) Although all international borders of the country are sensitive from security point of view, instances of smuggling of intoxicants mainly from across India-Pakistan and India-Bangladesh borders have come to the notice of the Government. The details of seizure of narcotic substances along these borders are as under:

Narcotic item	Year 2006 (in Kg)	Year 2007 (upto Feb.) (in Kg)
Heroin	81.94	11.04
Opium	4.54	—
Ganja	5402.02	1598.40
Hemp	235.00	491.50
Brown Sugar	0.65	0.35
Poppy Husk	581.05	50.00

(e) The Government proposes to undertake fencing in approximately 10 kms stretch near Moreh in Manipur along India-Myanmar border. Discussions have been held at various levels with the Government of Myanmar to seek their cooperation to start Reconnaissance Survey & Trace Cut (RSTC) for border fencing. However, no favourable response has been received from the Government of Myanmar so far.